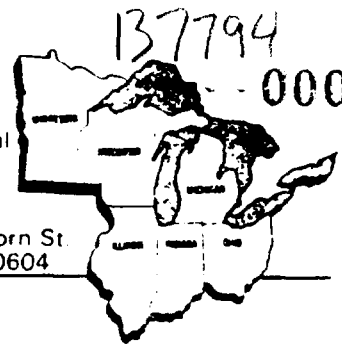


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U.S. EPA EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON JOHNS-MANVILLE PROPOSED WAUKEGAN AGREEMENT

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region V Administrator Valdas V. Adamkus today announced he is extending the 30-day public comment period on the U.S. EPA/Johns-Manville Sales Corp. administrative consent order to July 31, 1984. The extension will provide interested citizens additional time to review and make comments on the proposed order.

The agreement, which remains subject to any substantive public comments and U.S. Bankruptcy Court approval, was announced on June 19, 1984. It provides for the company to conduct an investigation at its Waukegan, IL, facility to determine the extent and impact of environmental contamination that may have resulted from past on-site disposal practices. The company will also propose to U.S. EPA a site cleanup plan. Johns-Manville has been disposing of asbestos wastes and other hazardous wastes at its Waukegan facility since 1923.

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The administrative consent order is available for public review at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 County St., and at the U.S. EPA Region V Office of Public Affairs, 230 South Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604; (312) 886-6128. Comments should be addressed to the attention of Vanessa Musgrave, at the above address.

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